# (FILE 'USPAT' ENTERED AT 10:23:45 ON 21 SEP 1999) ACT PROTECTDATA/L

```
QUE PLU=ON DATA (2A) PROTECT?
L1
L2
                     PLU=ON UTILIZ? OR USE? OR USING
                OUE
                     PLU=ON ALLOW? OR PERMI?
L3
                OUE
L4
                OUE
                     PLU=ON JUDG? OR COMPAR?
                QUE PLU=ON COPYRIGHT? OR COPY OR COPYING OR DUPLICAT?
L5
            398) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L1 (P) L2 (P) L3
L6
                QUE PLU=ON FORBID? OR PROHIBIT?
L7
             65) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L6 AND L7
r_8
L9
                QUE
                     PLU=ON APPEND? OR ATTACH? OR ADD?
                     PLU=ON APPEND? OR ATTACH? OR ADDING? OR ADDED OR AD
L10
                QUE
L11 (
             55) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L8 AND L10
                QUE PLU=ON STOR? OR SAV?
L12
             55) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L12 AND L11
L13 (
                                                          scom
                QUE PLU=ON INPUT (P) DATA
QUE PLU=ON ENCRYPT?
L14
L15
              1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
                                         5392351/PN
L16 (
L17 (
              0) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
                                        L16 AND (L15 (P) L14)
L18
                QUE PLU=ON DIFFER?
L19 (
              1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L16 AND (L18 (P) DATA)
                                        5832083/PN OR 5796824/PN OR 5761651
L20 (
              5) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
/PN
              5) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L20 AND (L18 (P) DATA)
L21 (
                                         L6 AND (L18 (P) DATA) AND FY<1997
L22 (
            304) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
                OUE PLU=ON AFTER?
L23
             71) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L22 AND (L18 (P) DATA (P) L23)
L24 (
                                                                            scan
L25 (
              0) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L24 AND 705/CCLS
                                                                           images
L26 (
              0) SEA FILE-USPAT PLU=ON L24 AND 705/CLAS
              3) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L24 AND 395/CLAS
L27 (
                                        5864683/PN AND (L23 (P) L18 (P) DAT
              1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
L28 (
A)
              1) SEA FILE-USPAT PLU-ON 5862325/PN AND (L23 (P) L18 (P) DAT
L29 (
A)
              1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON 5276876/PN AND (L23 (P) L18 (P) DAT
L30 (
A)
             14) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L24 AND 380/CLAS (MURLICULO) SUM!

1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L31 AND (L23 (5A) DATA (5A) L18)
L31 (
L32 (
                 QUE PLU=ON UPDAT? OR PASTE? OR ADD?
L33
                 QUE PLU=ON L33 (3A) DATA
L34
                 QUE PLU=ON UPDAT? OR PASTE? OR ADDED OR ADDING# OR ADDS
L35
               0)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L20 AND (L35 (3A) DATA)
L36 (
               6) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON 5392351/PN OR 5761651/PN OR 5832083
L37 (
/PN
               1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L37 AND (L12 (P) L14)
L38 (
                 QUE PLU=ON L10 OR L33
L39
                 QUE PLU=ON PREPAR? OR GENERAT? OR DISPLAY? OR APPEND?
L40
                 QUE PLU=ON L39 OR L40
L41
               1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON 5761651/PN
L42 (
               1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON 5832083/PN
L43 (
              0)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L16 AND (STOR? DATA)
1)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L16 AND (STOR? (P) DATA)
L44 (
L45 (
                 QUE PLU=ON PREPAR? OR GENERAT? OR APPEND? OR WORK? OR D
L46
                 QUE PLU=ON INPUT? (P) DATA
L47
               0) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L16 AND (L47 (P) L46)
L48 (
L49
                 QUE PLU=ON INPUT?
               1) SEA FILE-USPAT PLU-ON L16 AND (L46 (P) L49)
L50 (
```

```
L51 (
              0)SEA
                      E=USPAT PLU=ON L16 AND L4
L52
                QUE
                       U=ON APPEND? OR ADD? OR JOIN?
L53
                QUE
                       U=ON
                             DATA OR INFORMATION#
L54
                QUE
                     FLU=ON APPEND? OR ADDING# OR ADDED OR JOINING OR JO
L55 (
              0) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L16 AND (L54 (P) L53)
L56
              0) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
                                       L16 AND L54
              1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L42 AND (L54 (P) L53)
L57
L58
                QUE PLU=ON DECI? OR L4
L59
              0) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
                                        L16 AND L58
L60
              1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
                                        L42 AND L58
L61
              1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
                                        L16 AND (L46 (P) L49)
L62
                                        L42 AND (L46 (P) L49)
              0)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
L63 (
              1) SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON
                                       (L43 AND (L46 (P) L49)
L64
              0 S L16 AND (L58 (P) L49 (P) L15)
L65
              1 S L42 AND (L58 (P) L49 (P) L15)
                QUE L18 OR DISTINGUISH?
L66
L67
              1 S/L16 AND L66
                                                             (considered)
              1 S L42 AND L66
L68
L69
              1 S \L43 AND L66
L70
                QUE L33 OR APPEND?
L71
                QUE L35 OR APPEND?
L72
              0 S L16 AND (L71 (P) (DATA? OR INFORMATEON#))
              1 S(L42 AND (L71 (P)
                                    (DATA? OR INFORMATION#))
L73
L74
                QUE LICENS?
L75
                QUE L4 OR DECI?
              0 S L16 AND (L75 (P) L74)
L76
L77
              0 S L42 AND (L75 (P) L74)
              1 S (L43 AND (L75 (P)
L78
                QUE BALANC?
L79
L80
              0 S L16 AND (L79 (P) L74)
L81
              0 S L42 AND (L79 (P) L74)
L82
              0 S L43 AND (L79 (P) L74)
```

```
ANS: 1
               5,832,083 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
US PAT NO:
DATE ISSUED:
               Nov. 3, 1998
               Method and device for utilizing data content
TITLE:
               Noboru Iwayama, Kawasaki, Japan
INVENTOR:
               Naoya Torii, Kawasaki, Japan
               Takayuki Hasebe, Kawasaki, Japan
               Masahiko Takenaka, Kawasaki, Japan
               Masahiro Matsuda, Kawasaki, Japan
                Fujitsu Limited, Kawasaki, Japan (foreign corp.)
ASSIGNEE:
APPL-NO:
                08/509,285
DATE FILED:
                Jul. 31, 1995
                                   6-252623
FRN-PRIOR:
                Japan
                                                                Sep. 9, 1994
                [6] HO4K 1/00
INT-CL:
US-CL-ISSUED:
                380/4, 25
US-CL-CURRENT: 380/4, 25
SEARCH-FLD:
                380/4, 25, 21
REF-CITED:
                           U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS
                   1/1981
     4,247,106
                            Jeffers et al.
                            Bassett et al.
     4,439,670
                   3/1984
     4,446,519
                   5/1984
                            Thomas
     4,484,217
                  11/1984
                            Block et al.
     4,558,176
                  12/1985
                            Arnold et al.
     4,590,557
                   5/1986
                            Lillie
                   2/1987
                            Tolman et al.
     4,646,234
                   3/1987
                             Schmidt
     4,649,510
                   3/1987
                             Ogaki et al.
     4,654,799
     4,658,093
                   4/1987
                            Hellman
     4,672,554
                   6/1987
                             Ogaki
     4,674,055
                   6/1987
                             Ogaki et al.
                             William
     4,740,890
                   4/1988
     4,780,905
                  10/1988
                             Cruts et al.
     4,787,050
                  11/1988
                             Suzuki
                             Anderl et al.
                   3/1989
     4,816,653
                             Anderl et al.
                   3/1989
     4,816,654
     4,817,140
                   3/1989
                             Chandra et al.
                             Gaither et al.
     4,864,516
                   9/1989
                             Tamada et al.
                  11/1989
     4,879,645
                   8/1990
                             Orbach
      4,949,257
                             Chernow et al.
                   3/1991
      4,999,806
                             Baarman et al.
     5,006,849
                   4/1991
      5,008,814
                   4/1991
                             Mathur
                   5/1991
                             Edwards, Jr.
      5,014,234
                             Whiting et al.
      5,016,009
                   5/1991
      5,051,822
                   9/1991
                             Rhoades
      5,056,009
                  10/1991
                             Mizuta
      5,103,392
                    4/1992
                             Mori
      5,103,476
                    4/1992
                             Waite et al.
                             Molnar et al.
      5,166,886
                  11/1992
                    1/1993
                             Rhoades
      5,181,107
      5,199,066
                    3/1993
                             Logan
                             Saito
                    5/1993
      5,214,697
                    6/1993
                             Waite et al.
      5,222,134
                    9/1993
      5,245,330
                             Wassink
                   11/1993
                             Suzuki et al.
      5,267,171
```

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 57-127249, Aug. 7, 1982 (equivalent to Japanese patent Publication No. 61-22815).

.

Japanese Patent Laid en Publication No. 5-89363, Apr. 9, 1993.

Japanese Patent Laid en Publication No. 5-266575, Oct. 15, 1993.

Japanese Patent Laid en Publication No. 5-298085, No. 12, 1993.

Japanese Patent Laid en Publication No. 6-95871, Apr. 8, 1994.

ART-UNIT: 222

PRIM-EXMR: David G. Cain LEGAL-REP: Staas & Halsey

#### ABSTRACT:

The present invention provides a data content utilizing device having data storing section for storing information obtained by encoding data contents and content identification information specifying the data contents, a utilization permitting device for generating utilization permission information used to decode data contents desired by a user and information converting section for loading data contents requested by the user from the data storing section and decoding the data contents only in the case where utilization permission information is generated by the utilization permitting device.

43 Claims, 21 Drawing Figures

US PAT NO: 5,761,651 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] ANS: 2

DATE ISSUED: Jun. 2, 1998

TITLE: Software charging system and software data utilization

permitting device

INVENTOR: Takayuki Hasebe, Kawasaki, Japan

Naoya Torii, Kawasaki, Japan Noboru Iwayama, Kawasaki, Japan Masahiko Takenaka, Kawasaki, Japan Masahiro Matsuda, Kawasaki, Japan

ASSIGNEE: Fujitsu Limited, Kawasaki, Japan (foreign corp.)

APPL-NO: 08/490,049 DATE FILED: Jun. 13, 1995

FRN-PRIOR: Japan 6-188667 Aug. 10, 1994

INT-CL: [6] G06F 17/60 US-CL-ISSUED: 705/400, 30, 32 US-CL-CURRENT: 705/400, 30, 32

SEARCH-FLD: 194/215, 216, 217; 222/2; 364/400, 401, 406, 464.01,

464.1; 380/4; 395/230, 232

## REF-CITED: U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

		3.2. <u>3.1.</u>	
4,247,106	1/1981	Jeffers et al.	273/856
4,439,670	3/1984	Basset et al.	235/382
4,446,519	5/1984	Thomas	395/491
4,484,217	11/1984	Block et al.	358/84
4,558,176	12/1985	Arnold et al.	178/22.08
4,590,557	5/1986	Lillie	395/700
4,593,376	6/1986	Volk	364/401R
4,646,234	2/1987	Tolman et al.	380/4 X
4,649,510	3/1987	Schmidt	380/4
4,654,799	3/1987	Ogaki et al.	364/479
4,658,093	4/1987	Hellman	380/25
4,672,554	6/1987	Ogaki	364/479
4,674,055	6/1987	Ogaki et al.	364/479
4,740,890	4/1988	William	380/4 X
4,780,905	10/1988	Cruts et al.	380/44
4,787,050	11/1988	Suzuki	364/479
4,796,181	1/1989	Wiedemer	364/406
4,816,653	3/1989	Anderl et al.	235/380
4,816,654	3/1989	Anderl et al.	235/380
4,817,140	3/1989	Chandra et al.	380/4
4,864,516	9/1989	Gaither et al.	395/153
4,879,645	11/1989	Tamada et al.	235/380 X
4,937,863	6/1990	Nashua et al.	380/4
4,949,257	8/1990	Orbach	364/401

			• • •
4,999,806	1; ۱	Chernow et al.	380/4 X
5,006,849	1 <i>ز :</i> 1	Baarman et al.	341/95
5,008,814	4/11	Mathur	371/19 X
5,014,234	5/1-91	Edwards, Jr.	395/186
5,016,009	5/1991	Whiting et al.	341/67
5,051,822	9/1991	Rhoades	358/86
5,056,009	10/1991	Mizuta	393/490
5,103,392	4/1992	Mori	380/4
5,103,476	4/1992	Waite et al.	380/4
5,166,886	11/1992	Molnar et al.	364/479
5,181,107	1/1993	Rhoades	358/86
5,199,066	3/1993	Logan	380/4
5,214,697	5/1993	Saito	380/4
5,222,134	6/1993	Waite et al.	380/4
5,245,330	9/1993	Wassink	340/825.34
5,267,171	11/1993	Suzuki et al.	364/479
5,367,704	11/1994	Hasuo et al.	395/800
5,386,369	1/1995	Christiano	364/464.01

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

57-127249 8/1982 Japan 5-89363 4/1993 Japan 5-266575 10/1993 Japan 5-298058 11/1993 Japan 6-95871 4/1994 Japan

ART-UNIT:

244

PRIM-EXMR: Edward R. Cosimano

LEGAL-REP: Staas & Halsey

#### ABSTRACT:

A software charging system includes a utilization permitting device for giving permission to use a software storing medium storing ciphered programs or data (software); and an authorization center capable of communicating with the utilization permitting device for setting a utilizable amount, totalling utilization amounts and charging a user. The utilization permitting device includes: a utilization permission processing part having a clock for obtaining date and time data, and having a date and time data storing unit for storing obtained date and time data until obtaining next data and time data; and a utilization amount managing part for calculating a software utilization amount of an end user. A software utilization amount is managed based on the number of days at the utilization permission processing part.

24 Claims, 15 Drawing Figures

US PAT NO: 5,555,304 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] ANS: 3

DATE ISSUED: Sep. 10, 1996

TITLE: Storage medium for preventing an illegal use by a third

party

INVENTOR: Takayuki Hasebe, Kawasaki, Japan

Ryota Akiyama, Kawasaki, Japan Makoto Yoshioka, Kawasaki, Japan

ASSIGNEE: Fujitsu Limited, Kanagawa, Japan (foreign corp.)

DISCL-DATE: Mar. 15, 2013 APPL-NO: 08/341,176

DATE FILED: Nov. 18, 1994

REL-US-DATA: Division of Ser. No. 31,339, Mar. 15, 1993, Pat. No.

5,392,351.

FRN-PRIOR: Japan 4-058048 Mar. 16, 1992

INT-CL: [6] H04L 9/32; G06F 12/14

US-CL-ISSUED: 380/4, 25 US-CL-CURRENT: 380/4, 25 SEARCH-FLD: 380/4, 25

REF-CITED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,683,553	7/ ``.7	Mollier	380/4
4,757,534	7/38	Matyas et al.	380/25
4,785,361	11/108	Brotby	380/4 X
4,850,017	7/1589	Matyas, Jr. et al.	380/21
4,866,769	9/1989	Karp	380/4 X
5,010,571	4/1991	Katznelson	380/4
5,058,162	10/1991	Santon et al.	380/25
5,065,429	11/1991	Lang	380/25
5,199,066	3/1993	Logan	380/4 X
5,276,735	1/1994	Boebert	380/4 X
5,287,408	2/1994	Samson	380/4 X
5,379,433	1/1995	Yamagishi	380/4 X
		DETAIL DESIGN DOGUNGUES	
	FO	REIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS	
0144522	8/1984	European Patent Office	
0268139	5/1988	European Patent Office	
3-83132	4/1991	Japan	
W088/02202	3/1988	World Intellectual Property	

## Organization

OTHER PUBLICATIONS
Albert et al., Computer, vol. 17, No. 4, Apr., 1984, Long Beach,
California "Combatting Software Piracy by Encryption and Key

Management".

ART-UNIT: 222

PRIM-EXMR: Gilberto Barron, Jr.

LEGAL-REP: Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram LLP

## ABSTRACT:

A storage medium stores encrypted electronic data, a medium personal number which is unique for each storage medium and encrypted permission information. At least the medium personal number is written onto the storage medium in an un-rewritable form which a user computer cannot rewrite.

28 Claims, 23 Drawing Figures

US PAT NO: 5,796,824 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] ANS: 4

DATE ISSUED: Aug. 18, 1998

TITLE: Storage medium for preventing an irregular use by a third

party

INVENTOR: Takayuki Hasebe, Kawasaki, Japan

Ryota Akiyama, Kawasaki, Japan Makoto Yoshioka, Kawasaki, Japan

ASSIGNEE: Fujitsu Limited, Kanagawa, Japan (foreign corp.)

APPL-NO: 08/603,760 DATE FILED: Feb. 20, 1996

REL-US-DATA: Division of Ser. No. 341,176, Nov. 18, 1994, Pat. No.

5,555,304, which is a division of Ser. No. 31,339, Mar.

15, 1993, Pat. No. 5,392,351.

FRN-PRIOR: Japan 4-058048 Mar. 16, 1992

INT-CL: [6] H04L 9/32 US-CL-ISSUED: 380/4, 25 US-CL-CURRENT: 380/4, 25 SEARCH-FLD: 380/4, 25

REF-CITED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,577,289 3/1986 Comerford et al. 4,683,553 7/1987 Mollier 4,757,534 7/1988 Matyas et al.

4,785,361 11/1988 Brotby

4,850,017 7/1989 Matyas, Jr. et al.

4,866,769 9/1989 Karp

5,010,571 4/1991 Katznelson 5,058,162 10/1991 Santon et al.

5,065,429	11/ 1	Lang
F 100 066	21 2	*
5,199,066	3/3	Logan
5,276,735	1/24	Boebert et al.
3,210,133	1/	Boebert et ar.
5,287,408	2/3-4	Samson
3,207,400	-·	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
5,379,433	1/1995	Yamagishi
J, J, J, 1333	1/1/	Iumaqioni

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

0 144 522	8/1984	European Patent Office
0 268 139	5/1988	European Patent Office
3-83132	4/1991	Japan

World Intellectual Property 3/1988 WO 88/02202 Organization

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Albert et al., Computer, vol. 17, No. 4, Apr., 1984, Long Beach, California, "Combatting Software Piracy by Encryption and Key Management".

222 ART-UNIT:

Gilberto Barron, Jr. PRIM-EXMR:

Nikaido Marmelstein Murray & Oram LLP LEGAL-REP:

#### ABSTRACT:

A storage medium stores encrypted electronic data, a medium personal number which is unique for each storage medium and encrypted permission information. At least the medium personal number is written onto the storage medium in an un-rewritable form which a user computer cannot rewrite.

16 Claims, 23 Drawing Figures

5,408,531 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] ANS: 5 US PAT NO:

Apr. 18, 1995 DATE ISSUED:

Information recording/reproducing apparatus for converting TITLE:

and processing data exceeding error correction ability

000/4 \*\*

at recording

Yoshio Nakajima, Higashimurayama, Japan INVENTOR:

Olympus Optical Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan (foreign corp.) ASSIGNEE:

07/942,264 APPL-NO: Sep. 9, 1992 DATE FILED:

Sep. 20, 1991 3-241955 Japan FRN-PRIOR:

[6] H04L 9/00; H03M 13/100; G06F 11/10 INT-CL:

380/3, 4, 9, 23, 24, 49, 50, 54; 235/379, 380; 371/37.1, US-CL-ISSUED:

37.4, 37.5

US-CL-CURRENT: 380/3; 235/379, 380; 380/4, 9, 23, 24, 49, 50, 54;

714/752, 755, 756

380/2, 3, 4, 9, 23, 24, 28, 49, 50, 54, 25; 235/379, 380; SEARCH-FLD:

371/37.1-37.4, 38.1, 37.5

#### REF-CITED: U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,785,361	11/1988	Brotby	380/4 X
4,788,685	11/1988	Sako et al.	371/37.5
4,809,274	2/1989	Walker et al.	371/37.1
4,852,101	7/1989	Kobayashi et al.	371/37.5
4,903,296	2/1990	Chandra et al.	380/4

ART-UNIT: 222

Bernarr E. Gregory PRIM-EXMR:

Armstrong, Westerman, Hattori, McLeland & Naughton LEGAL-REP:

## ABSTRACT:

After an error correcting code is added to a data to be recorded at recording, a data converting process, such as data rotation or data interchange is executed so as to exceed an error correcting ability when the data is reproduced at reproducing, and then the data is recorded on a recording medium. At the time of data reproducing, an inverse data converting process of the data converting process at the time of data

recording is execute and then, errors are corrected restore the data. In a case when the data converting process at reproducing does not coincide with the in see data converting process at pording, errors exceeding the error correcting ability are generated in most of the cases. Thus, the information recording/reproducing apparatus of this invention has a function for protecting the data.

19 Claims, 27 Drawing Figures

ANS: 6

DATE ISSUED: Feb. 21, 1995

TITLE: Electronic data protection system
INVENTOR: Takayuki Hasebe, Kawasaki, Japan
Ryota Akiyama, Kawasaki, Japan
Makoto Yoshioka, Kawasaki, Japan

ASSIGNEE: Fujitsu Limited, Kanagawa, Japan (foreign corp.)

5,392,351 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]

APPL-NO: 08/031,339 DATE FILED: Mar. 15, 1993

FRN-PRIOR: Japan 4-058048 Mar. 16, 1992

INT-CL: [6] H04L 9/32 US-CL-ISSUED: 380/4, 25 US-CL-CURRENT: 380/4, 25 SEARCH-FLD: 380/4, 25

REF-CITED:

US PAT NO:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,683,553	7/1987	Mollier	380/4
4,757,534	7/1988	Matyas et al.	380/25
4,850,017	7/1989	Matyas, Jr. et al.	
5,010,571	4/1991	Katznelson	380/4
5,058,162	10/1991	Santon et al.	380/4 X
5,065,429	11/1991	Lang	380/4 X

#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

0114522	8/1984	European Patent Office
0268139	5/1988	European Patent Office
3-83132	4/1991	Japan .
88-02202	3/1988	World Intellectual Property
		Organization

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Computer vol. 17, No. 4, (Apr. 1984) Long Beach, Calif., USA; Combatting Software Piracy by Encryption and Key Management.

ART-UNIT: 222

PRIM-EXMR: Gilberto Barron, Jr.

LEGAL-REP: Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram

## ABSTRACT:

An electronic data protection system for protecting electronic data from illegal copying by a third party, includes: a storage medium for storing an encrypted electronic data, a medium number and encrypted permission information; a vendor computer having a personal key generating unit for generating a medium key based on the medium number, an electronic data decrypting key, and an encrypting unit for encrypting the electronic data decrypting key based on the medium key to generate the encrypted permission information; and a user computer having a personal key generating unit for generating a medium key based on the medium number, a decrypting unit for decrypting the encrypted permission information based on the medium key to generate the electronic data decrypting key which is the same as the electronic data decrypting key of the vendor computer, and a decrypting unit for decrypting the encrypted electronic data based on the electronic data decrypting key to generate a plain text electronic data.